

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/859,701 : Examiner: Foster, Christine E.  
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Applicant: Warner, Benjamin P. : Confirmation No.: 4132  
Docket No.: 60184.24 : Customer No.: 27128  
Title: METHOD FOR DETECTING BINDING EVENTS USING MICRO-X-RAY FLUORESCENCE SPECTROMETRY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 23, 2009 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2009, entry of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment is respectfully requested:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.